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1. When the Ministry for Heavy Industry was established, the Sales Department for Chemistry was removed from the production area for chemistry and placed as a Central Sales Department under State Secretary Goschuetz. The Sales Department for Chemistry has the following organizations under its jurisdiction:

DHZ Chemie  
 DHZ Gummi, Asbest-und Kunststoffe  
 DHZ Kraftstoffe und Mineraloel  
 VEB Kraftstoff-vertrieb  
 DHZ Salz (this DHZ is to be established in accordance with a decree of the Council of Ministers and is to be made up of the former ZNL (Central Branch Office) (Zentrale Niederlassung) Salz, Fluss- und Schwerspat)  
 DHZ Haushaltchemie (this DHZ is to be incorporated into the Ministry for Trade and Supply; preparations for this change are underway)

2. The Sales Department for Chemistry has the following responsibilities: direction of the DHZ's in all questions concerning commodity circulation; control of the execution of orders given to the DHZ's; coordination of the distribution plans with production plans; distribution of production; control of direct commerce; elimination of all difficulties which may arise; and conclusion of global agreements for more important commodities with the pertinent allocates. In addition to these duties, the Sales Department is responsible for plan coordination, reporting, and statistics; that is to say, the compilation of production and distribution plans. It further conducts liaison with the State Planning Commission and with the State Committee for Material Procurement and is responsible for overall reporting and the preparation of analyses and statistical data. It is the duty of the Sales Department to support and guide the DHZ's in establishing factory plans (except for finances) and in carrying out plan controls. Also included in the duties of the Sales Department are the following: responsibility for export programs and special programs;

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